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1. UPON RETURN OF US DELEGATION HEAD ADAMS TO WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WITH HIM MATTER OF BARTCH'S EXCLUSION FROM FORMAL SESSION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF OBJECTION OF NOLLAU. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES TENTATIVELY THAT NOLLAU'S PREJUDICE AGAINST DIPLOMATS IN DISCUSSION OF TERRORISM IS TO BE CHALLENGED AND THAT IT IS FOR GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO DETERMINE COMPOSITION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS. AS ADAMS IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE TOLD

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COMMITTEE, USG LOOKS AT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, WHICH IS

OF INCREASING CONCERN TO THE COMMITTEE, THROUGH CABINET COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP WITH CHAIRMANSHIP OF BOTH IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE. WE WOULD NOT QUESTION COMPOSITION OF GERMAN OR OTHER DELEGATIONS; WE BELIEVE THAT THIS PRINCIPLE SHOULD GUIDE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES. THIS IS NOT MEANT TO INTERFERE WITH THE APPARENTLY USEFUL EXCHANGE OF SECURITY INFORMATION AMONG THE TRADITIONAL SECURITY CHIEFS IN THE COMMITTEE, BUT WE CAN KEEP SECURITY AND OTHER SECRETS WITHIN OUR CABINET COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP AND WE THEREFORE INTEND TO COMPOSE OUR DELEGATION ON COMMITTEE ACCORDINGLY.

2. THERE MAY BE FACTORS OTHER THAN THOSE CITED IN REFTEL WHICH ARE PERTINENT AND WE THEREFORE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING ABOVE PRELIMINARY REACTIONS WITH ADAMS AND BARTCH UPON THEIR RETURN HERE. WE AWAIT ALSO IMPRESSIONS OF BOTH ON OTHER ASPECTS SUCH AS EXTENT TO WHICH ABIDIAN STAFF, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, MAY BE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS TO PURSUE RED ARMY MEMBERS, WHAT FRENCH MAY HAVE HAD IN MIND WHEN PROPOSING WORKING GROUP IN INFORMAL SESSION (USNATO 6136), AND PROSPECTIVE SCOPE OF COMMITTEE'S EXPLORATION OF BROADER TERRORISM FIELD. ADAMS' AND DARE'S, AS WELL AS ABIDIAN'S, INITIATIVES IN EFFORTS TO EXPAND SUCH COMPETENCE ARE COMMENDABLE. WITH SUCH EXPANSION, THERE IS ALL THE MORE REASON FOR USG, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS AS WELL, TO HAVE OPTIMUM INTERAGENCY REPRESENTATION WHEN TERRORISM ITEMS APPEAR ON AGENDA. MOREOVER, IF COMMITTEE CAN BE USEFUL IN THIS IMPORTANT FIELD, VALUE OF COMMITTEE TO ALLIANCE AND ALLIES WILL BE IMPORTANTLY ENHANCED. WE BELIEVE THAT USDEL HAS CONTRIBUTED CONSIDERABLY DURING RECENT SESSIONS TOWARD THIS END.

3. WOULD WELCOME MISSION'S THOUGHTS ON ABOVE PRIOR TO SESSIONS WITH ADAMS AND BARTCH HERE PROBABLY BEGINNING OF WEEK OF THE 18TH. MAW

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